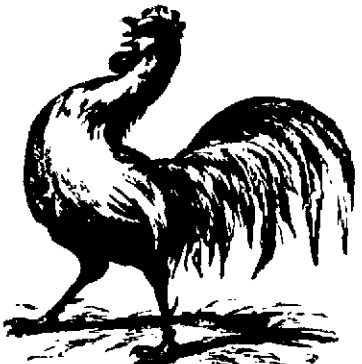


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If the Liver becomes torpid, if the bowels are constipated, or if the stomach fails to perform its functions properly, use Ayer's Pills. They are invaluable.

For some years I was a victim to Liver complaint, in consequence of which I suffered from General Debility and Indigestion. A few boxes of Ayer's Pills restored me to perfect health.—W. T. Bright, Haverhill, Mass.

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Ayer's Pills cured me of Stomach and Liver troubles, from which I had suffered for years. I consider them the best pills made, and would not be without them.—Morris Gates, Danvers, N. Y.

I was attacked with Bilious Fever, which was followed by Jaundice, and was so dangerously ill that my friends despaired of my recovery. I commenced taking Ayer's Pills, and soon regained my customary strength and vigor.—John C. Pothol, Lowell, N. H.

Last spring I suffered greatly from a troublesome humor on my side. In spite of every effort to cure this eruption, it increased until the flesh became entirely raw. I was troubled at the same time, with Indigestion and distressing pains in the bowels.

By the advice of a friend I began taking Ayer's Pills. In a short time I was free from pain, my food digested properly, the sores on my back commenced healing, and, in less than one month, I was cured.—Samuel D. White, Atlanta, Ga.

I have long used Ayer's Pills, in my family, and believe them to be the best pills made.—S. C. Darden, Darden, Miss.

My wife and little girl were taken with Dysentery a few days ago, and I at once began giving them small doses of Ayer's Pills, thinking I would call a doctor if the disease became any worse. In a short time the bloody discharges stopped, all pain went away, and health was restored.—Theodore Edling, Richmond, Va.

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THE IRON MASK.

Some Thoughts Suggested by the Fate of Its Mysterious Wearer.

He was the most noted man ever in iron, though his transactions were necessarily limited. Yet he was head and ears in iron, and no matter what the state of the market might be, he was always earning a good amount of money. For a man isolated from society and shut in by so much iron, fortune compelled him to carry a great deal on his shoulders.

Although the name of the man in the iron mask has never been satisfactorily determined, so well was the secret kept, yet it has been generally conceded that he was a man of noble blood. It must have been only through a pretense that his blood was bad that his political physicians prescribed iron, and when it was administered, poor fellow, it went to his head. What iron-clad oaths he must have indulged in, because he was compelled to take his medicine!

His keeper was undoubtedly hard and cruel like his mask, and took delight in flaying him. If he caught him flinching over his fate he reminded him, with malicious irony, that prisoners were not allowed to get up masked balls in the Bastille. The mask resembled an iron pot, and if they played a little game of poker together and the mask won, he was saluted with the ironic remark: "The pot is yours."

It may have been that the mask himself had his facetious moments, and asked his jailer if he wouldn't be kind enough to knock the top of his head off, adding: "If I'm taking too much, say so."

What a fine opportunity he had for telling the prison warden that she should wash his night cap, he could iron it himself, or applying to the authorities for some restorative warranted to bring out the hair.—Texas Siftings.

A Captain's Fortunate Discovery. Captain Coleman, 54th, Weymouth, playing between Atlantic City and New York, has been troubled with a cough so that he was unable to sleep, and was in danger of losing his position. Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption. It not only gave him instant relief, but on board the schooner, free trial bottles of this standard remedy at John A. Swearingen's drug store.

The leader in all the leading styles of Boys' Suits—B. Stine.

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Go to Spencer, Lehman & Co. for Wood Pumps, Chain Pumps and Iron Force Pumps.

Metallic Weather Strips for windows and doors, the best and cheapest in the market at LINN & SARGENT.

Get your Weather Strips at Har's Upholstery.

MISCELLANEOUS.

The Sioux tribe of Indians have a sub-chieftain who is named: "The man-who-ran-so-fast-that-the-wind-was-left-behind." It is needless to say that his squaw was after him with a club.—Detroit Free Press.

A man in Ontario can repeat perfectly one hundred and sixty-eight chapters of the Bible, fifty-eight psalms and every collect, epistle and gospel in the ecclesiastical year, according to the English Church prayer-book.—Montreal Witness.

At Washington, Pa., a few days ago a natural gas-pipe became clogged up, and on investigation it was found that the pipe was filled with crystalline salts, which had been deposited from the brine flowing with the gas. The mass extended forty feet.

An Austrian electrician named Marcus, is supplying the German navy with a newly invented petroleum engine for torpedo-boats. The engine is set in motion by electro-magnetism, and is more powerful than a steam engine of the same size.

An evening paper, in giving a report of a recent meeting of washerwomen in Berlin, said, after explaining that the male sex were carefully excluded from the room, that the women, on discovering that a gentleman was in their midst, "rose as one man."—N. Y. Telegram.

"Were you ever tobogganing in Canada?" "Minnie—Yes; but it isn't half so nice as it is in Omaha."

"Too cold?" "No, that doesn't matter; but the slides are so awfully steep."

"Steeper than ours?" "O, ever so much. Why, they are so dangerous that the gentlemen can't do a thing but just watch the course and steer."—Old Omaha World.

The Belgian Government offers a prize of five thousand dollars, to be awarded in 1889, to the author of the best work on the progress of electricity in its uses as a motor and for lighting purposes, and all applications that can be made of it for such purposes, and the economy and advantages which its use may offer. The prize is open to all nationalities, and the manuscript may be written in English, French, Flemish, German, Italian or Spanish.

Two Chicago men discussed the weather the other morning, one claiming that the mercury was below zero, the other that it was above. Then they backed up their opinions with money, and hurried to the nearest drug store to consult the thermometer.

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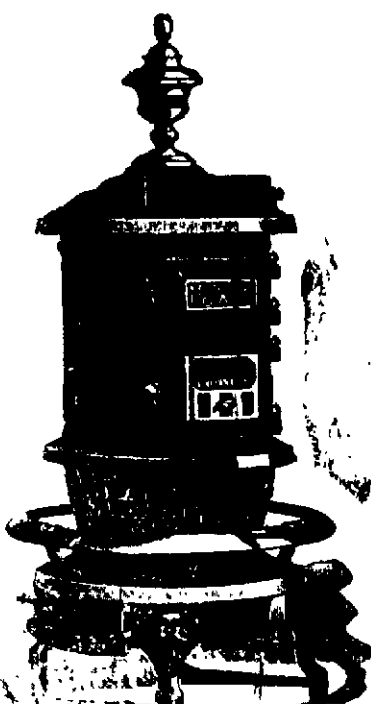
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This is to certify that Otto E. Curtis & Bro. have the only telegraphic communication in this city with the "Washington Observatory." The wires and instruments were put in by and are under the control and supervision of the Western Union Telegraph Co. The time received by them is the LEGAL and authorized time for this (the Central) district. They receive the time every day at ten o'clock.

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The New Shoe Store, 117 North Water street, is now open and solicits a call. We carry a fine and medium line of Ladies' Misses' and Children's Shoes; also Men's, Boys' and Youths' Boots and Shoes, from the best manufacturers in the East. Every article warranted as represented. If you chose to bring back the goods uninjured we will return the money. We have come to stay, and solicit a share of your patronage.

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LOCAL NEWS.

MAJOLICA WARE—Special bargains in this line of ware at

E. D. BARTHOLOMEW & Co.

\$300.00 to loan—George Brown.

A LITTLE colder this morning.

THE Star Restaurant is no more.

JUSTICE CURTIS enjoys a darker trial.

CHARLES VERNER and his Irish drama at the opera house to-morrow night.

TRELL your grocer to send you only White Foam and Domestic flour.

THE Guards will have their regular drill meeting at the Armory to-night.

SLICK HUGHES put himself on record yesterday as a sprinter. He defeated a negro boy easily in a 100 yards race for a purse of cash.

THE Black Crook spectacular drama is coming—Tuesday, March 1st.

JEROME NELSON has appointed H. B. Lewis, Samuel McRoberts and Dr. Stoner to appraise the estate of the late Mrs. Mary Leiby.

THE Decatur and Forsyth Good Templars made a pilgrimage to Macon Wednesday night and had a good time.

AN Oresana today Prof. Morris is having his trial for an alleged assault on the Williams girl. W. H. Harnsberger and W. T. Cussins are the attorneys in the case.

PARTIES wanting hay should see Col. Mathias, or leave orders at Hank & Enterson's grocery store, 143 South Water street.

THERE will be no Practical Talk at the Y. M. C. A. Rooms this evening, owing to the illness of Dr. Moore. The Talk will be given, however, at a later date, of which due notice will be given.

DRAKE at A. J. Smith & Son's grocery store, where you can get Nicker butter.

THE sale of seats for Lawrence Barrett in "Rimini" will commence on Monday. The tickets will sell at \$1.50 for reserved, \$1.00 for side seats, and 75 and 50 cents in the gallery.

LAST evening M. P. Murphy, Decatur agent for the Logan book, received an order from Joseph L. Shellbarger at Topeka, Kansas. The book was sent to Topeka this morning.

TRADE with Niedermeyer, on the mound. Choice groceries and prompt delivery.

JOHN ZELASKA is home from Chicago where he was posted as to the volume of business transacted at the Union Stock Yards in 1886. The total receipts of cattle for that year foot up 1,963,900; hogs, 6,718,761; sheep, 1,008,730; total ear lots, 8,691,451; total shipments of cattle, 704,675; hogs, 2,000,784; sheep, 268,912.

MR. Hanks & Patterson at 143 South Water street for reliable family groceries, fruits and vegetables in season.

A LOT of stock in the Decatur coal mining company's property was transferred, Mr. L. L. Haworth selling nearly all of his shares to Mr. H. Schluendeman for \$21,000. It is understood that Mr. James Millikin has disposed of his shares. The election of new officers will be held in July.

IT will pay you to deal with the new grocers, Knobe & Osborn, on Water street. Give them a call.

THE Lincoln Coal Mining company's title and rights began work on the 14th inst. with a full force and will work day and night from this on. Their brick are in good demand and they have just had a call for 90,000 from a town near Chicago.—Lincoln Journal.

IN constant demand—Shellbarger & Co.'s popular White Leaf family flour. Try it.

OFFICERS JILLY last night arrested Eugene Cussins and S. Cussins for causing a slight disturbance at Stapp's Chapel. They were put in the first ward jail.

GOOD country butter may be had any day at J. Lytle & Co.'s popular grocery store in opera block.

THE coming season Mrs. M. L. McDonald will put up a swell front brick dwelling on West William on the lot adjoining the Edwin Carter property. She has paid Mr. Carter \$900 for the lot.

DON'T forget, Powers & Haworth do all kinds of repairing and work that can be done only by the Handbury machine. Half-soling and patching. Feb-22-26

GIVE White Leaf a trial. Sold by all grocers.

FINE Jersey Cape at 10c at B. Stine's.

THE Irish Drama.

Charles Verner, the sterling Irish comedian, who is to make his first appearance in Decatur to-morrow night, made a big hit in New York. The Express of that city said:

Shamus O'Brien was brought out at Wallack's in the presence of a hugely delighted audience. To be candid, Shamus embodies prominently all the characteristics and peculiarities and incidental business outlined in the programme. Shamus in the hero or rather the four heroes (for he appears in that many distinct characters at different times). His performances are limited to a series of wonderful escapes from King George's castle, a vast deal of Eiberrian sentiment, a patriotic song or two, a trial, a pardon and a successful lover. The part is one to play an Irish comedian to the best advantage.

Popular prices—25, 50 and 75 cents.

FRESH Oysters at J. M. Huff's restaurant, just north of Millikin's bank.

Closed Up.

The Star Restaurant, in the New Decatur Hotel block, was closed up this morning on a \$500 mortgage held by a cigar manufacturing firm at Canton, Ill., represented by Mr. B. Taylor, who had called to get his money and failed to connect. The restaurant was managed by Roy Beveridge, and had been in operation for two months in its present location. It did not pay. The daily expenses were said to be \$5.00, but often the receipts were below that sum. Mr. Beveridge will probably return to his old occupation, that of a railroad operative. He is indebted to a number of parties in Decatur.

Sad News.

This forenoon the Bullard brothers received a telegram from Lawrence, Kansas, stating that the wife of their brother, Shelby Bullard, was in a dying condition. This afternoon J. B. Bullard and Mrs. C. C. Radcliff left for Lawrence.

The Mining Stock.

The Decatur coal mining stock has been dropping about considerably of late. The stock comprises 1000 shares at \$100 each and is now held as follows:

W. C. Armstrong, shares	311
H. W. Hill	250
H. C. Schluendeman	210
H. C. Braunwell	200
L. L. Haworth	2
P. H. Bruce	2
O. B. Gorin	25
Total	(1000)

No doubt at the election in July new officers will be chosen who will change the management materially.

I. N. Cool, is being urged by his friends to become a candidate for alderman in the first ward.

Killed.

This afternoon Commander G. R. Steele, of G. A. R. Post 141, got a telegram from Monroeville, Ind., stating that J. W. Smart, a member of Post 141 had been killed accidentally at that town last night. Information is wanted as to what shall be done with the body. Anna Stevens, of Decatur, is a sister of the deceased. Smart was a book agent in Decatur, and left the city last summer. He was past 40 years of age.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Miss Gertrude Hanna, of Mattoon, is a guest of Mrs. J. M. Harris.

Col. J. G. Fish is home from Wichita, Kansas.

State's Attorney Vail is out of town today.

George Callaway, a dealer in fine horses, at Tuscola, is in the city.

Miss Ella Morrison, of Ramsey, arrived in the city this morning.

Colonel Mathias will leave to-night for Rochester, Ind., to be absent two weeks.

W. E. David, of Edgar county, is soon to remove to Decatur. Welcome.

Mrs. F. M. Paul and son, of New York, are again at the Hotel Brunswick.

Dr. Collins, of Mt. Zion, visited the city to-day.

Dr. J. E. W. Moore is confined to his home to-day.

Ben Boynton and family left for Pekin this afternoon on a visit.

D. C. Corley visited Monticello yesterday on legal business.

I. N. Coltrin is again on duty in the Republican office after a severe illness of nearly two weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Leeb are expected to arrive home from California in a few days.

Mrs. T. W. Evans, formerly Cassie O'Neil, of Bloomington, has gone to St. Paul in hopes of regaining her health.

Secretary Barnes, of the Commonwealth Ins. Co., is at Kansas City on business.

H. W. Fenton is home from his southern trip. His mother and sister will remain at Memphis until April.

Mrs. W. F. La Bonta, of Peru, Ind., wife of the chief clerk in Supt. Stevens' office, Wabash, is a guest at the New Decatur Hotel. The La Bonta family will make their home in Decatur.

It has been talked about that ticket speculators are following the Lawrence Barrett tragedy company to appear here Wednesday night, and that they would buy up 25 and 50 tickets at the advance sale. Manager Haines desires it stated that such a practice will not be permitted here. No one person will be allowed to buy more than eight tickets during the first hour's sale.

A NUMBER of the principal officers of the Wabash company were guests of the Decatur Club last night at the drive wheel party. They were General Manager Wade and wife, Superintendent Stevens, Mr. Snow, general passenger agent, and Mr. Barnes, superintendent of motive power. They were introduced by Mr. Harwood, the local agent, and received the courtesies of the club. All are clever gentlemen and entered into a full enjoyment of the occasion.

THE 48th anniversary of Mrs. H. Mueller was delightfully celebrated last evening at the family residence on West Wood street. It was a surprise party planned by her children. The hours were passed in social chat, games and dancing. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Kuny, Mr. and Mrs. Heilbrun, Mr. and Mrs. Mehl, Mrs. Gladish, Mrs. Snyder, Mrs. Stommel, Mrs. Westernman, Misses Adele Stommel, Lela and Ella Gladish, Laura Stommel, Belle Heilbrun, Clara Stommel, Louise Mehl, Susan Brown, Emma Keil, Bess Green, Mary and Sophie Harpstrite, Mattie Westernman, and Messrs. Edward Kuny, Harry McKinnis, E. J. Harpstrite, Charlie Heilbrund, Isaac Cornthwaite, John Grindol, Leo Heilbrun and Edward Denz.

THE citizens of the pretty town of Jacksonville are going wild over the lucky find of a paying vein of coal at that place February 21, at a depth of 161 feet. They got up a procession and had a high old time on Wednesday. The first barrel sold for \$50 spot cash, and later Judge Whitlock paid \$200 for a barrel. Decatur rejoices in Jacksonville's good luck. The town needed a coal mine to give it a boom.

"O'HEELO's occupation's gone." He used to spend days and nights earning the fates and the rheumatism. Now he only lies down and laments to think how easily he was cured by Serravallo's Oil, at 25 cents.

Wm. H. Vanderford, Esq., editor of the Democratic Advocate, Westminster, Md., writes that he has used Dr. Bull's Cataplasma, and knows it to be a good medicine. Buy it. Try it. 25 cents.

A SLAYED KANSAS Countess at Nice has her conscience and footman in orange livery, trimmed with black.

RED UNDERWEAR at a sacrifice at Cheap Charles's.

The City and Outlying soliciting committees are at work taking pledges for the state fair, and will be ready to make reports to the general committee in a short time, so that by March 2d, when the discussion of the bill is to be held in the legislature, it will be known how much money Decatur can put up to meet the requirements. When the time comes the bond in any sum will be filed, and Decatur will stand on as good a footing as any city in competition for the fair. A correspondent on the ground at Springfield telegraphed the Bloomington Leader as follows yesterday afternoon: "The interest in the location of the state fair is becoming more intense every day. The delegation from Peoria is here in full force, and their canvass seems to be the most energetic. They claim that Peoria is the only place that in late years has made a success of the affair; that they will have five paved streets to the grounds, while Springfield and Decatur can show but one. However, Decatur seems to have a great many friends who are already committed. It is not generally known what Chicago is going to do. If her people ask for it, the fight will be a warm one, as they have forty votes to start on, if they all favor their own city."

Good for Will.

Will Wood, son of Ex-County Treasurer George M. Wood, helped bring Decatur into enviable renown at Chicago yesterday. Will is a young man of 20, who has been a student at the Northwestern University at Chicago. He was in competition with many grown men who have made the drug business a study for years, but Will's experience at W. C. Armstrong's drug store and close application to his studies in the University, clothed him with the useful knowledge that won him the highest prize awarded to the large Junior class in Pharmacy, at the close of the winter term yesterday. No matter where they go, Decatur boys will get to the front. "Brah for Will."

The wholesale grocery store of Young Bros. & Mays will remain open until Saturday night, when it will be closed until after the funeral of S. P. Young, whose remains will not arrive from California until about Tuesday. Time of funeral cannot now be stated.

This morning W. T. Dillehunt came near having a conflagration at his home, a mile north of the city. He had 13 dogs out and put in the smoke-house. The fire was built under the meat by the German in charge, but he was a little careless with the flames and allowed them to ignite the floor. Luckily the danger was discovered in time to prevent the total destruction of the smoke-house and the meat. Mr. Dillehunt is in favor of the immediate extension of the water mains to his house; but he has not yet figured on the cost.

Mr. M. P. MURPHY will endeavor to see every man and woman in Decatur in person who wishes to secure a copy of John A. Logan's valuable work, "The Great Conspiracy." Do not fail to have him call on you. Send him a note through the postoffice and he will not forget you. The book is one that every young man should have. Get it for your family library.

The Musical Recital.

There was a large representation of the patrons and friends of the Decatur Musical College present last night to note the talent displayed by the pupils at the twenty-second recital. The entertainment was of a high order and evoked general demonstrations of applause and praise, all of which of course was alike complimentary to the faculty and the pupils. The following was the programme observed:

Misses Lela Gladish, Jesse Steele, Minnie Schluendeman and Ida Taylor.

"But the Lord is God of the Army."

La Traviata (4 hands) by the Schluendeman family.

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DEATH OF S. P. YOUNG.

He Passed Away at San Diego, Cal., at the Age of 37.

A telegram was received in Decatur yesterday afternoon from A. N. Dills, father-in-law of the deceased, announcing the death of Samuel P. Young, which occurred at San Diego, California, Wednesday night. The deceased was afflicted with a pulmonary trouble, his health failing him steadily since last fall. By the advice of his physicians he concluded to visit Southern California, and in January last in company with Mr. Dills, of Atlanta, and Decatur friends, he started for the Pacific coast. Letters came from him, indicating that the change of climate had done him good, and his family and friends were hopeful of his ultimate recovery; but he must have experienced a sudden change for the worse, as the news of his death was unexpected at this time. The remains will be brought at once to Decatur, and will probably arrive on Tuesday next.

Mr. Young was a native of Washington county, Tennessee, where he was born in 1850. The family located in McLean county, Ill., when he was a child. For a time he was connected with the Shores, Dunham & Co. store at Atlanta, and later he was a salesman in the dry goods house of Boyd, Paisley & Co., at Lincoln. In 1878 in company with his brother, Frank M. Young, the deceased engaged in the retail grocery business at 127 North Water street. In 1883 the wholesale grocery firm of Young Bros. & Mays was formed, and the deceased traveled in the interest of the firm which built up a large trade in the state. Mr. Young devoted all his energies to spreading the business of the firm and it was while he was away from home that he became ill.

The deceased was married January 18, 1877, to Miss Frances Amelia Dills, of Atlanta, Ill. Of this union four children were born, three daughters and one son, the youngest a babe scarcely two months old. Mr. Young was a member of the Methodist church, having had a membership at Atlanta. He had not united with the church here. His mother, Mrs. Deborah Young, of Atlanta, survives him. His living brothers are Rev. W. D. H. Young, of Watauga, Ill., F. M. Young, of Decatur, E. S. Young, of Bloomington, and Jerome E. Young, of Peoria. His sisters are Mrs. J. R. Ginter and Miss Kate E. Young, both of Atlanta.

The intelligence of the death of her husband was broken to Mrs. Young as gently as possible. It was a great shock to her, but she was somewhat prepared for it by reading a letter that was calculated in a measure to prepare her for the worst. In her time of great sorrow and trial the sympathy of all our people go out to her and her little children. They have lost a loving husband and father and Decatur an exemplary and energetic citizen.

SURVEYOR LORING is engaged in preparing a plat of H. H. Wise's subdivision of outlots, and out in 12 acres of ground near the James Keefe residence. The proposed paper will be established in the vicinity, near the river.

Last night at the opera house Ella June Meade had an audience of fair size to enjoy her character sketches. Miss Meade has the talent to entertain an audience any number of hours.

MISS GRANGER was fined \$3 and costs in Justice Curtis' court last evening for an assault on Eunnie Rice. This ended the all-day trial that provoked so much merriment.

THE Low Rate Excursions to Florida, March 24, 9th, 16th, 23d and 30th, the P. D. & E. railway will sell round trip tickets to all principal points in Florida, at very low rates, being about one fare for the round trip; good for stop-over at Nashville and any point south, and good returning 30 days from date of sale. Train leaves Decatur at 10:52 a

